

24 July 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CHAIRMAN  
NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD

SUBJECT: Communications-Electronics Equipment Priorities

1. The Central Intelligence Agency is required to employ a considerable amount of communications-electronics equipment in the course of its operations. While a large percentage of this equipment is of conventional types produced for civilian or military use, a substantial amount is peculiar to the operations of this Agency and is produced solely for this Agency from designs and developments made by our electronics engineers.

2. In the event of war or general mobilization, the material and production controls imposed by the National Security Resources Board will undoubtedly seriously affect the production and distribution of equipment and components essential for the continued or accelerated operations of the Central Intelligence Agency. Contracts for the production of vitally needed equipment are now in effect; others are pending, awaiting only final design changes and contract negotiations. Current and foreseeable commitments will necessitate additional contracts during the entire period in which NSRB controls may be in effect. With this in mind, it is requested that these requirements be considered in the allocation of priorities, materials, and production facilities.

3. In order to implement the foregoing, it is suggested that arrangements be made for engineering and procurement officers of this Agency to discuss the requirements and procedures involved with appropriate officials of NSRB. I shall be pleased to designate suitable officers of this Agency to accomplish this upon receipt of your concurrence in this proposal.

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